

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the Title with the following rewritten Title:

**RAB9A, SCREENING FOR AGENTS THAT DECREASE PATHOGENICITY BY
DECREASING RAB11A ACTIVITY, AND MODULATORS THEREOF RELATED TO
INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, lines 1-6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

sequence as follows contains a region that shares 75 percent sequence identity to that identified sequence (for example, $15 \div 20 \times 100 = 75$).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, lines 32-34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. 3A is a nucleotide sequence alignment (SEQ ID NO: 67) between human Rab9A cDNA (Genbank accession no. NM_004251), and simian Rab9A cDNA (Genbank accession no. AY601640). Nonconserved nucleotides are indicated.

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

SCREENING FOR AGENTS THAT DECREASE PATHOGENICITY BY DECREASING RAB11A ACTIVITY